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SUBJECT: DISASTER RELIEF FOR LEBANON

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1. HAVE CONSULTED WITH AUB AUTHORITIES. LATTER STATE THAT ABOUT A WEEK AGO THEY RECEIVED REQUESTS FROM VARIOUS SMALLER HOSPITALS BEIRUT FOR MEDICAL SUPPLIES, WHICH REQUESTS THEY WERE ABLE FULFILL 100 PER CENT. NO, REPEAT NO, FURTHER REQUESTS HAVE BEEN RECEIVED AND AS FAR AS THESE KNOWLEDGABLE AUTHORITIES ARE CONCERNED, THERE IS NO LACK OF MEDICAL SUPPLIES AT THIS TIME. THEY HASTEN TO POINT OUT, HOWEVER, THAT ALL HOSPITALS IN BEIRUT AREA ARE SUFFERING ACUTELY BUDGET-WISE, IN THAT THE CASUALTIES THEY ARE TREATING ARE NOT NORMALLY CASH CUSTOMERS. THEY CONCUR, HOWEVER, THAT WHILE SUFFERING BEIRUT IS INTENSE, IT HAS NOT REPEAT NOT BEEN OF DEGREE THAT ONE NORMALLY ASSOCIATES WITH A DISASTER.

2. NEW BUT RELATED SUBJECT: AUB HOSPITAL, PROBABLY MORE THAN LESS SOPHISTICATED INSTITUTIONS, HAS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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SUFFERED TREMENDOUSLY, DUE TO RECENT INSECURITY.

THEY ESTIMATE DAILY LOSS IS \$20,000, WHICH FOR AN
INSTITUTION THAT IS ALREADY HALF-BANKRUPT, IS TRAGIC.
FOR EXAMPLE, EMPLOYEES WHO AREN'T WORKING MUST STILL
BE PAID AND THOSE WHO ARE WORKING MUST BE PAID OVERTIME.
REVENUE PRODUCING SERVICES SUCH AS X-RAY,
LABORATORY WORK, ETC. ARE NOT FUNCTIONING. HOSPITAL
BEGINNING TO SUFFER FROM LACK OF SPECIALIZED MEDICINES
NOT REPEAT NOT USUALLY REQUIRED BY LESS SOPHISTICATED
INSTITUTIONS. THESE CANNOT REPEAT NOT BE PURCHASED ON
LOCAL MARKET AND MAY HAVE TO BE FLOWN IN. WE SHALL BE
DISCUSSING THIS PROBLEM WITH HOSPITAL AUTHORITIES SUB-
SEQUENTLY DURING THIS WEEK. I DO, HOWEVER, WISH TO
WARN DEPT AND AID, BECAUSE FINANCIAL HELP OF AN EMERGENCY
NATURE MAY WELL BE ESSENTIAL.
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